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No pains shall be spared on our part to merit the favor, which has been so liberally extended to the work, and to render it worthy of continued patronage.

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